

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 260

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Christopher Carr on his selection as the Teacher of the Year of Rogersville Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Carr is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr was recently selected as the Teacher of the Year for Rogersville Middle School, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Carr received his bachelor's degree in mass communications from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in December of 1995 and a master's degree in teaching from ETSU in December of 2000; and

WHEREAS, first employed by Hawkins County Schools in 2005, Mr. Carr has served with acumen and alacrity as a grade six social studies teacher for five years. He previously taught grade six language arts and built his wealth of experience in the Kingsport City, Sullivan County, and Bristol City School systems; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr's professional memberships include Hawkins County Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, and the Bristol Tennessee Education Association; and

WHEREAS, he also held membership in Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, the Student Teaching Association, and the Public Relations Student Society of America ETSU Chapter, serving as that organization's Chapter Secretary and as a delegate to the regional conference; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Carr has served as a school representative for TVAAS/EVAAS training, as district representative for 6-Traits of Writing training, as district delegate for the Northeast Tennessee Title I Conference-No Child Left Behind, a representative to TEMA Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools conference, as a delegate to Thinking Maps-Organizational Tools conference, and as a representative to Accelerated Reader workshop; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Carr is a previous designee as Rogersville Middle School's Teacher of the Year, and is a two-time champion of the "Turkey Teacher"; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Carr has served as the Assistant Youth Group Director at Pleasant View Baptist Church, coordinating the curriculum, training new teachers, providing assistance and support to the staff, and planning and chaperoning monthly events. His other church activities include serving as a counselor at Mt. Moriah Christian Camp and volunteering as a sound technician for church services; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Carr also volunteers his time to the Upward Basketball Program, serving as both an assistant and a head coach for the teams over the past five years. He also provides assistance to the Lynn Garden Optimist Youth programs, serving on the Board of Directors for the baseball and softball recreational leagues, assisting with scheduling games, coaching teams in two age divisions, and volunteering as an umpire for all participating leagues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carr truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Carr truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Christopher Carr on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at Rogersville Middle School, commend his exceptional service to the

children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.